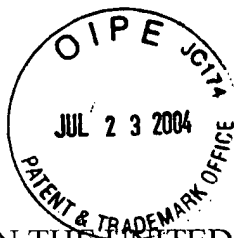


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In response to the final Official Action of May 26, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on August 26, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.